

Churches Helping Churches Request for Original Community-Developed Resources

Do you have original resources to share with our CommonWord family? We help connect churches with each other by pooling, cataloguing and promoting our electronic resources at www.commonword.ca.

We know that pastors new to ministry eagerly seek the counsel of more experienced pastors. We are aware that congregations implement processes that other churches have already navigated. We know that local church committees lead creative worship, plan unique educational events, and witness to their neighbourhoods in compelling ways.

We also know that congregations search for these home grown, tested, original resources.

We're here to help make the link.

Please **share with us your original materials** so that we can share them more widely. Send documents to info@commonword.ca. Some examples include:

- Outlines of church leadership processes (gift discernment, visioning/restructuring, constitutional revision, etc.)
- Outlines of educational programs or workshops (pre-marital counseling, catechism classes, Anabaptist history modules, etc.)
- Worship materials (dramas, readings, prayers, litanies, sermons, other creative writing for special Sunday events, ceremonies or other occasions).

The basic criteria for submission:

- Reflects our Anabaptist theology and church practice
- Transfers well to other congregational contexts (i.e., generic names, place locations, etc.)
- Is original and doesn't hold copyright restrictions
- Fits into the schema of CommonWord's online catalogue (complements what is already here or fills a significant "gap")

In addition:

- CommonWord will use its discretion as to which items we will post.
- All submissions will be formatted to a standard CommonWord "Community Developed Resource" template – and may be edited for content.
- This is a free service. Authors will be acknowledged but not remunerated and CommonWord will not receive any payment.

- Authors retain copyright of their material, which they may choose to withdraw, if necessary, at any time.
- Only electronic submissions (Word document preferably) are accepted.

We are delighted that many already find this service helpful. Our downloadable totals exceed 150/day! We trust that this service will grow, continue to connect our congregations, and equip you in your important ministry.

God's blessings to you,



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